

## MEETING ELEMENTARY EDUCATORS 7/16/20 @ 12 PM

**COMMENT:** I THINK ALL STUDENTS WOULD BENEFIT FROM REGULARLY OCCURRING FULL CLASS SOCIAL EMOTIONAL CHECK-INS – DISCUSSIONS WITH THEIR CLASSROOM TEACHERS IN ADDITION TO INDIVIDUAL CHECK-INS WITH SUPPORT STAFF AS NEEDED. WHOLE CLASS CHECK-INS WILL ALLOW STUDENTS TO FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE DISCUSSING THEIR EMOTIONS AND RESPECTING OTHERS EMOTIONS. THE STUDENTS CAN LEARN A LOT ABOUT PRACTICING EMPATHY AND EMOTION REGULATIONS THROUGH COPING THROUGH WHOLE CLASS CHECK INS AND OPEN DISCUSSION. ALSO IMPROVED EMPATHY SKILLS WILL BE IMPORTANT FOR STUDENT’S UNDERSTANDING OF FOLLOWING THE SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR EVERYONE’S BENEFIT SO THE MORE PRACTICE WITH EMPATHY THE BETTER.

**QUESTION:** IF WE WENT TO HYBRID MODEL WOULD TEACHERS BE GIVEN MORE PLANNING AND PREP TIME? IT SEEMS LIKE WE WOULD BE RUNNING AND PLANNING FOR TWO CLASSROOMS. THE PREP TIME WOULD HAVE IN SCHOOL WOULD COVER OUR IN SCHOOL TIME BUT THE REMOTE PREP WE WOULD NEED A LOT MORE TIME. IS IT POSSIBLE TO HAVE A TEACHER FOR A GRADE WHO IS NOT ABLE TO COME INTO A SCHOOL BUILDING WHO COULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR A REMOTE PLAN AND TEACHING FOR AN ENTIRE GRADE?

**ANSWER:** WE ARE TAKING A LOOK AT THAT. PARENTS WOULD LIKE SAME TEACHER TO DO BOTH IN FEEDBACK SESSIONS. WE ARE LOOKING AT HAVING LIVE STREAM CLASSES GO OUT TO REMOTE STUDENTS.

**QUESTION:** IF YOU HAVE A SINK IN ROOM WILL WATER BE TURNED ON?

**ANSWER:** IF THERE IS A SINK WITH NO WATER LET ME KNOW WE COULD LOOK INTO IT.

**QUESTION:** IF AND WHEN I AM QUARANTINED DUE TO STUDENT OR STAFF MEMBER TESTING POSITIVE AND I AM NOT THE ONE SICK WILL I HAVE TO USE SICK DAYS?

**ANSWER:** NO IT WOULD BE PAID ADMIN LEAVE.

**QUESTION:** YOU MENTIONED USE OF LIVE STREAMING A LESSON IN A HYBRID MODEL SITUATION IF I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU WERE SUGGESTING STUDENTS WHO ARE REMOTE THAT DAY WOULD GET THE LESSON LIVE STREAM...IF THAT IS CORRECT I AM CONCERNED ABOUT INCLUDING THOSE STUDENTS IN THE LESSON WHILE MANAGING THE STUDENTS IN THE CLASSROOM. I WONDER IF THE STUDENTS AT HOME WILL HAVE TO BE RETAUGHT THE LESSON WHEN THEY ARE PHYSICALLY IN THE CLASSROOM DUE TO NOT BEING ABLE TO MANAGE THE STREAM WHEN THEY ARE HOME?

**ANSWER:** NOT IDEAL SITUATION. THERE WILL BE WEAKNESSES IN EVERY PLAN. WE ARE LOOKING INTO THAT. LOOKING AT DIFFERENT COHORT PLANS. WE WILL INCORPORATE THAT IN OUR PLAN FOR SURE.

**QUESTION:** IF A FOCUS TEACHER TESTS POSITIVE THAN WOULD THE WHOLE GRADE NEED TO QUARANTINE?

**ANSWER:** THEN POTENTIALLY WHOLE GRADE WOULD QUARANTINE IF THEY MET THE CRITERIA FOR CLOSE CONTACT. THE GUIDELINES STATE THAT DIRECT CONTACT WOULD HAVE TO QUARANTINE FOR 14 DAYS.

**QUESTION:** I TEACH MATH AND SMALL GROUP LESSONS ARE VERY IMPORTANT. HOW CLOSELY CAN WE WORK WITH STUDENTS? HOW DO WE MANAGE HELPING STUDENTS WHO NEED THAT EXTRA SUPPORT WHILE KEEPING THAT 3 FOOT DISTANCE.

**ANSWER:** IT IS CHALLENGING. I DON'T HAVE AN EASY ANSWER FOR YOU AT THIS POINT. MAINTAINING MASKS AND PROPER HYGIENE. NO EASY ANSWER FOR IN-PERSON. IF WE GO TO A ZOOM LICENSE THEY HAVE BREAK OUT GROUPS AND BE ON CHROME BOOKS AT SAME TIME BUT IT COULD WORK TO HELP WITH GROUP WORK. WE HAVE TO KEEP IN MIND THE DEFINITION OF CLOSE CONTACT WHICH INCLUDES CONTACT THAT IS MORE THAN 15 MINUTES WITHIN 6 FEET.

**QUESTION:** WILL LOCKERS BE SHARED BY STUDENTS OR NO?

**ANSWER:** WE HAVE TO BE CAREFUL. SOME SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE HAVING STUDENTS CARRY BACKPACKS AS AN OPTION. NOT SURE WHICH ROUTE. IF THEY DO USE THEM WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE DESIGNATING TIMES AND KEEP SOCIAL DISTANCE GUIDELINES.

**QUESTION:** WHAT IS MODEL NUMBER OF HOURS FOR LIVE SYNCHRONIZED TEACHING? I THINK AFTER 2 HOURS KIDS NEED A BREAK AND THEN MAYBE MORE TIME AFTER BREAK?

**ANSWER:** GREAT QUESTION. HOPEFULLY PLANNING TEAMS WILL BE ABLE TO DEVELOP THAT. SOCIAL EMOTIONAL IS A BIG CONCERN AS WELL AND WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THERE ARE BREAKS. OUTSIDE BREAKS WOULD BE FANTASTIC

**CONCERN:** CONCERN ABOUT LIVE STREAMING WITH REGARDS TO STUDENT PRIVACY ESPECIALLY KIDS ON I.E.P.'S.

**ANSWER:** CONFIDENTIALITY RULES WILL APPLY TO LIVE STREAMING AND WE NEED TO GET OVER THAT OBSTACLE. WE ARE THINKING ABOUT POSSIBLE PARENT WAIVERS....

**QUESTION:** IF STUDENTS ARE LEARNING IN THE BUILDING, I BELIEVE WE DISCUSSED THAT SPECIALISTS WOULD BE DOING REMOTE TEACHING TO MINIMIZE EXPOSURE- WOULD WE BE DOING THAT IN BUILDING OR AT HOME AND WHAT WOULD THAT DO TO CLASSROOM TEACHERS PREP TIME IF THEY HAVE TO REMAIN IN CLASS TO OVERSEE STUDENTS?

**ANSWER:** WE WANT TO MAINTAIN A NORMAL DAY AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. WE WILL FACTOR THAT FEEDBACK INTO PLAN THAT WE DEVELOP.

**QUESTION:** HOW WOULD LITERACY, EI AND SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES WORK WITHOUT CROSS CONTAMINATION?

**ANSWER:** WE ARE MEETING WITH SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS ON THIS. WE ARE GOING TO GO OVER ALL THE SPECIFIC GUIDANCE IN FOCUS GROUPS. WE ARE ALSO BOOKING A SEPARATE EL FOCUS GROUP AS WELL. WE ARE GOING TO LOOK AT PUSH IN CLASSES.

**QUESTION:** IF WE ARE DOING REMOTE LEARNING WILL THERE BE OPPORTUNITY TO DELIVER SUPPLIES SUCH AS ART SUPPLIES TO STUDENTS AT HOME?

**ANSWER:** YES, PROBABLY SIMILAR TO BACKPACK PICKUP. WE HAVE RECEIVED FEEDBACK THAT THEY DIDN'T WANT KIDS ONLINE ALL THE TIME AND WOULD LIKE HARD COPY MATERIALS AS WELL.

**QUESTION/CONCERN:** WITH MASKS BEING ENCOURAGED IN GRADE ONE WOULD WE BE ABLE TO CHANGE THAT TO A REQUIREMENT LIKE IN THE OTHER GRADES BUT GIVE MORE BREAKS? CAN I GIVE A CHILD A MASK IN FIRST GRADE IF THEY DO NOT HAVE ONE? I AM WORRIED IF IT IS NOT ENCOURAGED MANY WILL NOT HAVE THEM AND IT WILL BE AN INCREASED RISK FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF.

**ANSWER:** STATE GUIDANCE ARE SET AND WE CAN'T CHANGE IT. WE ARE ENCOURAGING MASK WEARING AND STUDENTS BRINGING THEIR OWN MASKS. WE DO HAVE SUPPLIES ON-HAND.

**QUESTION:** FOR THOSE TEACHERS WHO ARE FINDING SUCCESS WITH SYNCHRONOUS REMOTE LEARNING IS THERE ANY THOUGHT TO HAVING THOSE TEACHERS TEACH REMOTE ONLY HAVING SEVERAL CLASSES?

**ANSWER:** ABSOLUTELY WE WOULD TAKE A LOOK AT THAT. ESPECIALLY CONSIDERING COVERAGE. IT WOULD BE GREAT TO GET UNDERSTANDING ON WHO WOULD LIKE TO DO THAT. WE SHOULD SEND OUT A SURVEY TO SEE WHO WOULD LIKE WHICH METHOD.

**QUESTION:** ARE WE CONSIDERING MONITORS FOR THE BUSES TO MAKE SURE KIDS STAY DISTANCED AND MASKED?

**ANSWER:** WE ARE ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO NOT USE THE BUS DUE TO ALL THE RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING. THERE IS NO WAY WE CAN ACCOMMODATE ALL STUDENTS

**QUESTION:** IF A GRADE IS QUARANTINED WOULD SCHOOL WORK BE ON HOLD FOR THOSE TWO WEEKS?

**ANSWER:** WE WANT THEM TO FOCUS ON HEALTH. DIRECT AND CLOSE CONTACT WAS AGAIN DEFINED.

**QUESTION:** WOULD A NEGATIVE TEST BE REQUIRED IF SOMEONE TESTS POSITIVE?

**ANSWER:** THERE WOULD BE A QUARANTINE FOR 14 DAYS THAT WOULD BE MANDATORY.

**QUESTION:** HOW WILL ART AND MUSIC WORK?

**ANSWER:** WE ARE LOOKING AT ALL DIFFERENT OPTIONS. WE WANT TO LIMIT TRAVEL AND LIMIT STAFF TO ONE BUILDING AND WE MAY DO REMOTE INSTRUCTION FOR THOSE PROGRAMS.

**QUESTION:** IF A TEACHER IS UNABLE TO COME IN AND ONLY WORKS REMOTE WILL TEACHER BE ABLE TO WORK WITH THEIR GRADE?

**ANSWER:** WE WILL LOOK AT THAT. WE WANT MINIMAL DISRUPTION TO THE STUDENTS. WE HAVE TO BE FLEXIBLE.

**QUESTION:** IS THERE A DEADLINE FOR WHEN OUR PLAN FOR THE FALL WILL BE DECIDED?

**ANSWER:** THE PRELIMINARY PLANS ARE DUE BY JULY 31<sup>ST</sup> – DESE WILL COLLECTING PLANS FROM ALL DISTRICTS AND THEN COME OUT WITH FINAL PLAN AND GUIDANCE. WE ARE HOPING FOR MID AUGUST. WE WANT TO REDUCE ANXIETY.

**QUESTION:** WOULD I BE OK COMING BACK TO SCHOOL WITHOUT QUARANTINING IF I WAS WITH SOMEONE WHO TESTED POSITIVE LONGER THAN 15 MINUTES BUT WE WERE WEARING MASKS?

**ANSWER:** NO YOU WOULDN'T BE OK. YOU WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO COME BACK TO SCHOOL.

**QUESTION:** I AM THINKING ABOUT TESTING. HOW WILL TESTING BE DONE? THERE IS NO WAY TO BE 6 FEET APART AND STAY LESS THAN 15 MINUTES.

**ANSWER:** WE ARE GOING TO TALK ABOUT THAT ON FRIDAY AND WE ARE WORKING ON PLAN..WE MAY NEED TO USE PLASTIC BARRIERS.

**QUESTION:** WILL THERE BE CLEAR GUIDANCE WHEN STAFF SHOULD STAY HOME SICK IF THEY HAVE A COUGH OR COLD SYMPTOMS? WOULD THEY STILL COME TO SCHOOL? IS THERE A PLAN FOR MORE SUBSTITUTES? IF MY CHILD IS SICK WILL I BE ABLE TO TAKE TIME OFF WHILE THEY ARE AT HOME? WILL WE HAVE ENOUGH SUBS TO COVER THIS?

**ANSWER:** WITH REGARD TO THE MEDICAL PIECE, WE ARE WAITING ON GUIDELINES FROM DEPT OF HEALTH FOR WHEN TEACHERS SHOULD STAY HOME. IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING ANY SIGNS STAY HOME. THE BEST THING TO DO IF YOU NEED GUIDANCE IS CALL THE NURSE AND HAVE A DISCUSSION. FOR THE SUB TEACHER PIECE, WE ARE LOOKING TO HIRE HIGHLY QUALIFIED SUBS THROUGH CARES ACT TO HAVE ON HAND WHEN NEEDED.

**QUESTION:** IF A CHILD HAS TO QUARANTINE AND THE CHILD BELONGS TO A TEACHER WILL THEY BE ABLE TO TAKE TIME OFF TO CARE FOR THEM?

**ANSWER:** YES, FAMILY MEMBERS ARE COVERED BY COVID RELATED ABSENCE POLICY.

**QUESTION:** IF SPED SERVICE IS PUSHED IN AND THAT TEACHER GETS COVID WOULD EVERY SINGLE CLASS THEY WENT INTO NEED TO QUARANTINE?

**ANSWER:** IT DEPENDS ON WHO THEY WERE IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH. WE WOULD REACH OUT TO RUTH JONES FOR DIRECTION.

**QUESTION:** THE AIR QUALITY IN MY CLASSROOM IS NOT GOOD WILL THAT BE FIXED? WILL THERE BE AIR PURIFIERS?

**ANSWER:** IF YOU HAVE ISSUES IN YOUR CLASS REACH OUT TO YOUR PRINCIPAL. ALL BUILDING'S FILTERS ARE BEING REPLACED.

**QUESTION:** ANOTHER QUESTION ON EL SERVICES ABOUT CROSS CONTAMINATION..

**ANSWER:** I THINK WE ANSWERED THAT AND WE WOULD REALLY NEED TO LOOK AT THAT.

**QUESTION:** STUDENTS WERE MUCH MORE FOCUSED WHEN THEY HAD THEIR CONSUMABLE MATH BOOKS AT THE END OF THE YEAR WHILE I WAS TEACHING. COULD THEY HAVE ACCESS TO THEM AGAIN SHOULD WE GO REMOTE?

**ANSWER:** YES, WE WANT TO IMPLEMENT THAT. WE HAVE HAD LOTS OF FEEDBACK FROM PARENTS FOR HANDS-ON MATERIALS.

**QUESTION:** WOULD TEACHERS NEED TO DO TEMPERATURE CHECKS DAILY?

**ANSWER:** NO TEMPERATURE CHECKS ARE RECOMMENDED. THE GUIDELINES WERE SHARED INCLUDING THAT FEVERS ARE NOT THE ONLY INDICATOR OF INFECTION AND FEVERS CAN BE MITIGATED BY FEVER REDUCING MEDICINES AND GO UNDETECTED. EXAMPLE SOME PEOPLE DO NOT GET FEVER WITH COVID OR TYLENOL MAY BE ON BOARD.

**QUESTION:** DO ALL MATERIALS NEED TO BE 100% NON- SHARED BETWEEN EACH INDIVIDUAL OR IF I HAVE ENOUGH SANITIZABLE MATERIALS (LETS SAY WATER COLOR TRAYS OR HULA HOOPS) CAN I SANITIZE AT THE END OF THE DAY AND USE THEM WITH DIFFERENT GROUP NEXT DAY?

**ANSWER:** WE HAVE DEALT WITH THIS IN THE SUMMER...THE GUIDELINES STATE WE CANNOT SHARE. WE WOULD NEED TO DOUBLE CHECK. I AM NOT SURE IF IT'S JUST WITH SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS OR EVERYBODY. WE WILL HAVE TO LOOK INTO IT.

**QUESTION:** ALSO IN REGARDS TO EL AND OTHER SERVICES. COULD THEY BE PROVIDED REMOTELY? I FEEL LIKE IT WILL BE MORE EFFECTIVE OVER ZOOM.

**ANSWER:** YES, WE ARE LOOKING AT ALL TYPES OF MODELS. LOTS OF STUDENTS WOULD BE FINE WITH REMOTE SERVICES.

**QUESTION:** ISSUES WITH VENTILATION CLASSROOMS - WILL WE BE PERMITTED TO OPEN EXTERIOR DOORS?

**ANSWER:** SECURITY WOULD BE A CONCERN. MOST LIKELY NOT BUT WE WILL TAKE A LOOK AT ALTERNATIVES. STAFF SHOULD ALERT PRINCIPALS TO POOR VENTILATION.

**QUESTION:** WHAT WILL LOCKDOWNS AND FIRE DRILLS LOOK LIKE WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING?

**ANSWER:** LOCKDOWNS REQUIRE CLOSE CONTACT AND HUDDLE IN CORNERS AND WOULD VIOLATE SOCIAL DISTANCING – PROBLEM ONE. FIRE DRILLS – WOULD BE CHALLENGING AS WELL. WE NEED TO WORK WITH FIRE DEPT FOR PROTOCOL.

**QUESTION:** DO WE REQUIRE A NEGATIVE TEST AFTER COVID?

**ANSWER:** NO BUT GUIDELINES CHANGE REGULARLY. RIGHT NOW IT'S JUST QUARANTINE

**QUESTION:** IS THERE A SPECIFIC DATE TO ACKNOWLEDGE STAFF AND FAMILIES ABOUT PLAN?

**ANSWER:** WE NEED TO WAIT FOR DESE TO COME BACK WITH GUIDELINES.

**QUESTION:** CAN YOU GIVE ME MORE INFO ON HOW THE LIVE CLASSES WOULD BE RECORDED FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE ONLINE? WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RECORDING?

**ANSWER:** RECORDINGS WILL BE CHALLENGING WITH CONFIDENTIALITY ISSUES. WAIVERS ARE AN OPTION BUT WE MAY FOCUS ON LIVE STREAMING.

**QUESTION:** IS THERE ANY WAY WE CAN HAVE A WRITTEN DOCUMENT THAT EXPLAINS THE VARIETY OF DIFFERENT CIRCUMSTANCES THAT WOULD REQUIRE US TO QUARANTINE? IT FEELS LIKE THERE ARE SO MANY DIFFERENT SCENARIOS IT WOULD JUST BE HELPFUL TO KNOW.

**ANSWER:** YES, WE WILL HAVE STAFF TRAINING AND THERE WILL BE WRITTEN GUIDELINES.

**QUESTION:** KEEPING STUDENT'S DESKS SIX FEET APART WORKS BUT THERE IS MUCH MOVEMENT IN A CLASSROOM LIKE GETTING SUPPLIES, SHARPENING PENCILS ETC.. WILL THERE BE EXTRA SPACE CONSIDERED THE PHYSICAL DISTANCE CLASSROOM?

**ANSWER:** YES, IT FIGURES IN 2 FEET OF PERSONAL SPACE AND ALSO 6 FEET AROUND THE PERIMETER OF THE ROOM. THAT IS ALL FACTORED IN.

**COMMENT:** THANK YOU FOR HAVING ALL THESE FOCUS GROUPS. OBVIOUSLY THERE ARE A MILLION PUZZLE PIECES TO TRY TO FIT TOGETHER TO TRY TO WHAT'S BEST FOR ALL OF US AND OUR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES AND YOUR CONSISTENT TRANSPARENCY AND TIRELESS EFFORT TO EFFICIENTLY PLAN FOR ALL OF US AND LOOKING AT EVERY PIECE AND INVOLVING US IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

**QUESTION:** HOW OFTEN WILL RESTROOMS BE SANITIZED THROUGHOUT THE DAY? HOW WILL WE KNOW THEY ARE SANITIZED?

**ANSWER:** THERE WILL BE A SCHEDULE ESTABLISHED. WE WANT TO FOCUS ON THOSE BATHROOMS DURING THE DAY IN ADDITION TO THE MORNING AND AFTERNOON CLEANING.

**QUESTION:** IF A STUDENT HAS HIS/HER OWN KIT OF MATERIALS WILL THEY BE ABLE TO BRING BACK AND FORTH TO AND FROM BUILDING?

**ANSWER:** YES